

**2016 Wyoming Youth Hunter Education Challenge**  
**Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.**  
**Upton Gun Club**

**Coach/Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt size** \_\_\_\_\_ **youth or adult**  
(Circle one)

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YHEC Category:** Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures:**

**Parent/Guardian:** Print \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant:** Print \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach:** Print \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry Fee - \$10 checks payable to: Wyoming State YHEC**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Current 3"x5" photo of the participant**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of hunter education card**

**Preregistration Form** - Must be submitted by **May 27, 2016** and only the first 80 participants will be accepted.

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**Sponsored by:**  
Wyoming Friends of the NRA  
Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
Upton Gun Club

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Wyoming YHEC Director: Rick Rothleutner at (307) 281-9980

# WYOMING YHEC 2016 CHALLENGE - RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Date:** Saturday, June 4, 2016

**Location:** Upton Gun Club near Upton, Wyoming

**Check in:** 7:00 a.m.

**Activities start:** 7:30 a.m. and will continue until approximately 6:00 p.m.

All rules and regulations will follow the NRA international rules as close as possible.

## ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must have completed hunter education
2. Junior division (14 years of age and under on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>)
3. Senior division: (15 – 18 years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>)

**\*EXCEPTION:** Participants who turn 19 years of age during the calendar year 2016, must be enrolled in High School for the full school year of 2015-2016 to be eligible for participation at the state YHEC event but will not be eligible to participate at the 2016 NRA International Youth Hunter Education Challenge Program.

## RESPONSIBILITY EVENTS:

1. Hunter Responsibility Exam
2. Hunter Safety Trail Challenge
3. Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge
4. Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge

## SHOOTING EVENTS:

1. Hunting Shotgun Challenge
2. Light Hunting Rifle Challenge
3. Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge
4. Hunting Archery Challenge

## SAFETY:

1. All firearms and archery equipment will be pointed in a safe direction at all times
2. All firearms and bows must be **unloaded** and **cased** if not on firing line
3. All firearms must have a safety device that will remain on at all times, except when ready to fire
4. Arrows must be cased or quivered when not on the firing line ready to fire
5. All participants must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line
6. Make sure all firearms and bows are safe to fire.
7. Firearms and bows will not be allowed left around the property without the owner present.

## EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. **Hunter Responsibility Exam**, chaired by Tristanna Bickford: Participants will complete a written examination (multiple choice, true or false, or fill in the blank). Correct answers are worth 10 points for seniors, 20 points for juniors; a maximum possibility of 300 points.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Hunter education books, written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials, cell phones or other electronic devices, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.
2. **Hunters Safety Trail Challenge**, chaired by Brady Morris: Participants will walk through a 10 station pre-determined trail; designed to simulate actual hunting conditions and situations including a simulated license. Stations may include, but are not limited to, hunter game situations, target identification, and safe gun handling afield. Maximum possibility of 300 points.

- a. Prohibited Items: Hunter education books, written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials, cell phones or other electronic devices, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.
3. **Hunting Wildlife Identification Challenge**, chaired by Jeff Obrecht and Becky Morris: Participants will walk through a 30-station course. Wildlife identification will be conducted with participants observing animal tracks, mounted animals, and reading and identifying wild life sign from 1-50 yards. Maximum possibility of 300 points.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Wildlife identification books, Encyclopedias, written, taped or transcribed information and reference materials, cell phones or other electronic devices, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.
4. **Hunting Orienteering Skills Challenge**, chaired by Bill Jenkins and Brady Morris: Will be conducted with participants taking bearings with their compass. Participants may use a pacing chart. Participants may also be asked to close a triangle, identify map symbols or define word. Maximum possibility of 300 points.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Calculators, orienteering books, Encyclopedias, written taped or transcribed information and reference materials, cell phones, electronic equipment including electronic or battery operated compasses, communication between the participants, coaches or other individuals while the course.
5. **Hunting Shotgun Challenge**, chaired by Heather Shideman and Cliff Abbott: Participants will move through a multiple station hunter clay course designed to simulate hunting conditions. The scorers will call lost for any targets they determine is missed. Any challenge to a call must be made immediately by the participant. The “ready position” in calling for targets requires the gun to be off the shoulder, with the butt plate below the shoulder the firearm may not be shouldered until the target is visible. 12, 20, 28 and .410 gauge shotguns will be permitted. Double targets will be thrown in some instances, for seniors; therefore the shotgun should be capable of holding two shells. Only factory loaded target shells with shot size between 7 and 9 will be permitted. Shotgun- Seniors-25 rounds, Juniors-15 rounds, maximum of 300 points possible.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Release triggers, shot size larger than 7, shot size smaller than 9, cell phones or other electronic devices, coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas.
6. **Light Hunting Rifle Challenge**, chaired by Dan Kielebier: Participants will take shots at NRA life size paper, knock down or silhouette game targets varying in distance from 15 to 75 yards, with scoring areas over the vitals that are considered the center of mass of the game. Participants will shoot from 1) Short range 30 yards or less from standing position; no props permitted; 2) Medium range 60 yards or less participants may use any shooting position (excluding prone) with the vertical post prop as the as the only aid; 3) Long range 75 yards or less, participants may utilize any shooting position and props that are approved by the chair. Only standard .22 caliber rifles designed primarily for hunting will be permitted, all action types, excluding fully automatic, will be permitted. The rifle may not exceed eight pounds-eight ounces (8.8) in weight without a sling and must have a minimum trigger pull of two pounds. Rifles may be equipped with a hunting sling not to exceed 1 inch width. Rifles may also be equipped with Sporter type thumb-hole stock (non adjustable). Sights will be open, peep with a standard front post and bead, or hunting scopes nine power or less. Maximum possibility of 300 points.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Clothing with adding padding, stiffness or shirt cup designed to assist shooter in remaining steady, shooting mats, adjustable competition sling swivel, kneeling roll, competitive thumbhole stocks, palm rests or forearm stocks exceeding 2 inches wide or

2 inches deep as measured from the center line of the bore, scopes fixed or variable power optics with capabilities greater than nine power, range finders, peep sights with rear aperture less than two millimeters, binoculars, monocular or spotting scopes, more than one shooting position per shooting sequence, shooting sticks, coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas, cell phones or other electronic devices.

7. **Hunting Muzzleloader Challenge**, chaired by Mike Davis: Will be conducted with participants shooting at NRA life size game animal targets varying in distance from 20 to 50 yards, with scoring areas over the vitals that are considered the center of mass of the game. Participants will shoot 1) Short range 35 yards or less from standing position; no props permitted; 2) Medium range 50 yards or less participants may use any shooting position, excluding prone, with props approved by the chair. Participants may use any flintlock or percussion musket cap or 209-primer type Muzzleloading rifles .54 caliber or smaller will be permitted, Muzzleloader may have a set trigger (not to be set until ready to fire), muzzleloaders may be equipped with a sporter type thumbhole stock (non-adjustable), muzzleloader may also be equipped with a sling not to exceed 1 inch in width. Muzzleloaders will have open sights. Muzzleloader may be loaded with single projectile patched balls or pure lead bullets. Maximum possibility of 300 points possible.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Shooting mats, scopes or telescopic sights, range finders, binoculars, monocular or spotting scopes, more than 60 grains of black powder or Pyrodex by volume, pure lead bullets/balls weighing more than 385 grains, peep sights, kneeling rolls, Adjustable competition sling swivels, Muzzleloaders larger than .54 caliber, more than one shooting position per shooting sequence, wooden ramrods, metal jacketed bullet Sabots, coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas, cell phones or other electronic devices.
8. **Hunting Archery Challenge**, chaired by Mark Mitchell: Participants will be taking shots at targets varying in distance from 10 to 40 yards. Targets will be either NRA life size game target or 3D game targets with scoring areas directly over vital areas of the animal. Shooter may use only one bow (exemption bow malfunction), only hunting type compound, recurves or long bows. Bows may be equipped with hunting type sights, self-adjusting sight (i.e.Sightmaster). Maximum of 300 points possible.
  - a. Prohibited Items: Cable stops, extended sight bars that measures farther than six inches from the back of the riser of bow to the front of sight, manually adjustable sights may have no more than six sight pins or be adjusted to more than six sight positions, more than one stabilizer, stabilizers over twelve inches, range finders, crossbows, broad-head hunting tips, arrow shafts that do not have target or field points, sights that have lens with or without magnification, shocker points, bludgeon points; coaching (or attempted coaching) from spectator areas cell phones or other electronic devices.

**AMMUNITION AND TARGETS:** The Wyoming State YHEC will supply all ammunition and targets. Participants may bring their own ammunition as long as it is new factory loaded ammunition and meets the event standards.

**TIE BREAKER CRITERIA:**

- Individuals and teams scores will be broken by 1) highest score on the Hunter Responsibility Exam; 2) Hunter Safety Trail 3) highest overall score in the four responsibility events and 4) combined score of the four shooting events.